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PATENT

In re application of

Mitsuyuki MATSUMOTO, et al.

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For: NOVEL G PROTEIN-COUPLED RECEPTOR PROTEINS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claim:

(Twice Amended) A method for producing a G protein-coupled receptor protein

which has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, comprising culturing the host cell of claim